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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: K. Gross
HARUO MACHIDA)
: Group Art Unit: 2122
Application No.: 09/544,265)
: Filed: April 6, 2000)
: For: INFORMATION PROCESSING)
: APPARATUS, INFORMATION :
: PROCESSING SYSTEM,)
: CONTROL METHOD OF :
: INFORMATION PROCESSING)
: APPARATUS, CONTROL METHOD: OF INFORMATION PROCESSING)
: SYSTEM, AND STORAGE :
: MEDIUM HAVING PROGRAMS)
: CAPABLE OF BEING READ :
: AND STORED BY COMPUTER) April 21, 2004

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

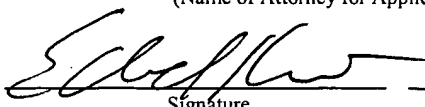
Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2003 for two months from February 21, 2004 to April 21, 2004.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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Submitted herewith is a check for \$420.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,


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